

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Corporal Todd Bailey, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Assistant Street Dept Director Gary Beck, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - James Rochner for Sanctuary of Eternal Truth re: Street closing 10th street between Market and Main

Mr. Rochner requested a permit for the Sanctuary of Eternal Truth, 1002 E. Market to close 10th Street between Main and Market on Saturday May 19, 2007 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for a Church bizarre. He reported that there is one resident on that street and it is not a problem for them.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Dave Huber with Vectren Energy re: shutting down Scribner Dr.

Mr. Huber, Vectren Energy requested to shut down Scribner heading south from West Market to West Main for approximately 4 - 6 hours to repair a gas main that is leaking. He said that he would talk with Caesars to get detour signs directing traffic to Caesars.

Chief Harl suggested that they close all of Scribner between Market and Main.

Corporal Bailey suggested that they send traffic down Spring Street to W. 5th Street and over to Main Street.

Mr. Denison asked what date they would like to do this.

Mr. Huber stated that they were going to ask what date would be best for them.

It was decided to have it done on Thursday, January 25, 2007.

Mr. Denison made a motion to approve the request, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Byron & Suzanne Slaughter re: traffic issue on Klerner Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter addressed the board regarding the traffic on Klerner lane between Eastridge and Farmgate.

Mrs. Slaughter stated that the traffic comes over the over-pass going 60 – 70 mph and they have had several accidents. She stated that last week she was leaving her home and a car went onto the shoulder to pass other cars and hit their creek stone mailbox.

Mr. Slaughter stated that when the police are there patrolling the traffic slows but it picks back up. He said there is a sign that warns people that the road narrows and people

are now using the shoulder as a passing lane. He asked if they could put in a speed bump.

Mr. Toran stated that they could not put in a speed bump and asked if there were other options such as a traffic light.

Mrs. Slaughter stated that if they put in a traffic light they would never be able to get out of their driveway.

Mr. Toran asked if he could get their number and stated that someone from the police department would be calling them to tell them what they plan to do.

Item #4 - Curt Armstrong with Christian Academy re: no outlet sign on Academy Dr.

Mr. Armstrong, plant manager for Christian Academy, he thanked the police and fire department for their help. He requested that a no outlet sign be put up on Academy Drive because they have had several Semis that have come up there and there is no way out for them.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Armstrong asked if the road from Grantline up to their sign is the city's because he was wondering if the City could cover the salting of this road.

Mr. Toran stated that they would have to look into that and someone would contact them and let them know.

Item #5 - Joe Lewis for City Councilmen Bill Schmidt & Jack Messer re: street light at Ellen Court and Green Valley Road

Officer Lewis stated that he has been contacted by two councilmen about putting a street light at the end of Ellen Court at Green Valley Rd. He stated that he has not had a chance to check on this situation but that he will bring something to them at the next meeting.

Item #6 - Chad Sprigler re: Moving two homes to Spickert Knobs Rd.

Mr. Sprigler addressed the board regarding moving the homes from the corner of Green Valley and Daisy Lane to Spickert Knobs Road.

Mr. Denison stated that Mr. Sprigler came to the Building Commissioners office to get the proper permits to do this and that he had looked over it pretty good.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second,

Chief Harl stated that they need to check the weight limit on the bridges on Green Valley Road.

Mr. Toran stated that he feels they need to have Officer Lewis check on these issues and whether or not there are utility lines that will need to be moved.

Mr. Sprigler stated that he and his movers have checked and there are no utility lines that need to be moved.

Mr. Hunter stated that we would need to check to see if the movers have the insurance to cover the liability for the bridges.

Mr. Toran stated that they would need until next week to answer all of these concerns.

Mr. Denison withdrew his motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Carl Holiday & Steve Goodman with Third Century Services re: signs for 9th street and parking.

Mr. Toran stated that this is still tabled.

Item #2 - Street Department re: alley beside Main Street United Methodist.

Mr. Toran stated that he does not know what is going on with this or how the alley was changed or who approved it.

Mr. Simon stated that he was responsible for doing it at the request of the person that said it was approved at the beginning of 2006.

Ms. Wisman said she thought this was approved originally in 2004 or early 2005.

Mr. Toran asked Mr. Simon who had told him that this was approved.

Mr. Simon said that Jim Padgett requested this.

Mr. Toran stated that he is just trying to figure out why this was changed because the city is being contacted by several individuals from Main Street United Methodist Church because this is affecting their parking and the way the handicap members get into the building.

Mr. Simon said he talked with Mr. Adams and the United Methodist Church and it was resolved but Mr. Adams is no longer a trustee so he was referred to Mr. _____.

Officer Lewis stated that he thought Jim Padgett came before the board last spring regarding this.

Ms. Wisman stated that the first time it came to the board in late 2004 early 2005 it was approved but the signs were never put up so someone came a second time asking what happened because they couldn't remember which direction the signs should be put up.

Officer Lewis stated that he believes that this should go back the way it was originally.

Mr. Toran reported that he received a call from council member Dan Coffey before the meeting stating that he is in opposition of the one way.

Mr. Hunter moved to rescind the previous action on the alley, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Officer Joe Lewis re: streetlight being put in on Glen Mill Road

Officer Lewis stated that he would have something for them next week.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Mason informed the board that Acting Major Steve Byrd has completed his one year probationary period and that he will continue to hold this position until a permanent major's position is available.

Mrs. Garry presented the board with claims totaling \$9,148,194.19 that needed to be approved. She stated that the claims are for December 15, 2006-January 25, 2007 and that this period of time is about ten days longer than the normal claims dates. Said copy of the memo would be on file with the City Clerk's Office.

The Claims are as follows:

12/22/06	Regular Payroll	\$558,990.40
12/31/06	Pensioner Payroll	\$281,816.76
01/05/07	Regular Payroll	\$525,663.55
01/19/07	Regular Payroll	\$558,990.40

\$1,500 was a reinvestment of a 30 day CD that came due January 11, 2007

IUS 202,958.00 out of Tourism Bond Proceeds

Boat purchased for Fire Department \$17,000 out of Fire Run Funds which will be reimbursed by a reimbursable grant.

Insurance claims:

Humana	\$297,578.25
AARP	\$10,720.00
Life Ins.	\$3,669.00

Park East Bond payment \$171,812.50

Building Authority ½ annual rent \$67,542.00

IACT DUES \$6,833.00

Sewer Claims EMC \$288,816.93

Team Contracting \$211,952.62
 \$240,843.00
 \$101,000.00

ADM \$150,000.00

Clark Dietz \$30,000.00

Donahue \$14,000.00

Bingham McHale \$31,000.00

Navigant Consulting \$16,000.00

Sewer Bond Umbaugh \$35,000.00
 Ice Miller \$20,600.00

Sanitation SIWS \$154,800.00

Stormwater/Drainage FMSM \$39,000.00

This total also includes utility payments for every department that are made every Wednesday.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Chuck Simons reported that he received a letter from 419 Highland Avenue asking for the current plan to rebuild Spring Street Hill.

Mr. Toran stated that they had asked Bill Schmidt to help them obtain funding so they will need to check with him to see where they are on that.

Mr. Simons stated that he also has an issue with the bridge on Rainbow Drive which is very narrow and he believes that he could get it correct for under \$10,000 - \$12,000.

Mr. Toran stated that they should check with Mr. Martin to see if there are funds in the bridge fund.

Mr. Hunter stated that this does not qualify for those funds. He stated that he will get with Mr. Simons on this item to work on widening this area. He believed that this was included in a TIF that was in this area.

Mrs. Garry stated that he should get with Mr. Rosenbarger to discuss the TIF issue.

Mr. Cannon introduced Mr. Jerry Taylor from EMC who will be working with the Storm water maintenance.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Mr. Holman stated that he had written about the status of Spring Street Hill and was told by Mr. Schmidt that there was possibly a Federal Grant in the works and wondered if there was anything that the residents could do to help with that.

Mr. Toran stated that they had informed Mr. Schmidt that they had looked into a Federal Grant at one time but that there was nothing in the works and that the board had asked him to help come up with the funds.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the January 16, 2007 Special minutes and executive session, **Mr. Toran** second, all voted in favor except **Mr. Denison** who abstained.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the regular minutes of January 16, 2007 **Mr. Denison** second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana